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Application of: Robert A. Veschi  
Serial No.: 09/777,350  
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## REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 22, 23, 36 and 40-63 will be pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 22, 23, 36 and 40 have been amended and new claims 41-63 have been added. The changes to the claims and the new claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not introduce any new matter.

The Examiner indicated that claim 36 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 36 has been so rewritten and claim 31 from which it previously depended has been cancelled. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to claim 36 is respectfully requested.

Claims 22, 23 and 40 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 36. New claims 41-46 also depend from allowable claim 36.

The Examiner rejected claims 21-26, 28-35 and 37-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). In view of the above amendments this rejection is moot and its withdrawal is respectfully requested.

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## CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any outstanding issues.

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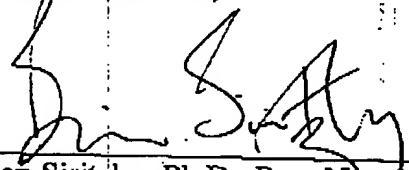
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Respectfully submitted,

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